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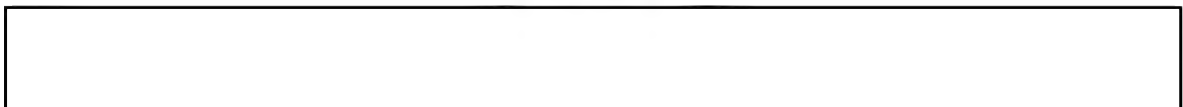
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Bolivia: Pressure is mounting on President Paz to use military force against the recalcitrant miners.

Negotiations are still in process, however, with members of the Catholic Church hierarchy serving as intermediaries in the dispute.

Vice President Lechin returned to La Paz on 13 December offering to resign his position on the condition that Paz release the three jailed Communist labor leaders. There is no indication, however, that the President intends to agree to Lechin's offer and free them. In addition, the press reports that the three jailed Communist labor leaders, following negotiations with an American labor lawyer, have signed a document urging the Siglo Viente miners to release the hostages without prior commitments.

If the miners continue to hold out, the military may move into the mining area this week end, [redacted]

[redacted] Paz continues to vacillate.

If Paz decides on military action, he probably first will use elements of the peasant militia. A good number of these are already mobilized near the mining area under command of the new minister of peasant affairs, who also is an army general.

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Brazil: President Goulart issued a decree on 10 December that may presage the cancellation of US and other foreign-owned mining concessions in Brazil.

The decree directs the minister of mines to review all mining operations within 90 days and to halt within 30 days any operations which fail to meet certain conditions. The minister is given such broad discretion that he may, for example, close down mining activities "considered prejudicial to the public interest."

Foreign mining companies have been under intense attack by the extreme left during recent months, particularly in the state of Minas Gerais where the governor has taken steps to cancel concessions of the US-owned Hanna Mining Company.

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Haiti: President Duvalier has asked that three US diplomatic officials be removed from Haiti. When Duvalier reshuffled his cabinet on 6 December it was thought that an era of better understanding would ensue--especially since the new US ambassador is due to arrive in Port-au-Prince on 15 December. Duvalier apparently is attempting to impress his countrymen and the US Government once more with the strength of his personal control.

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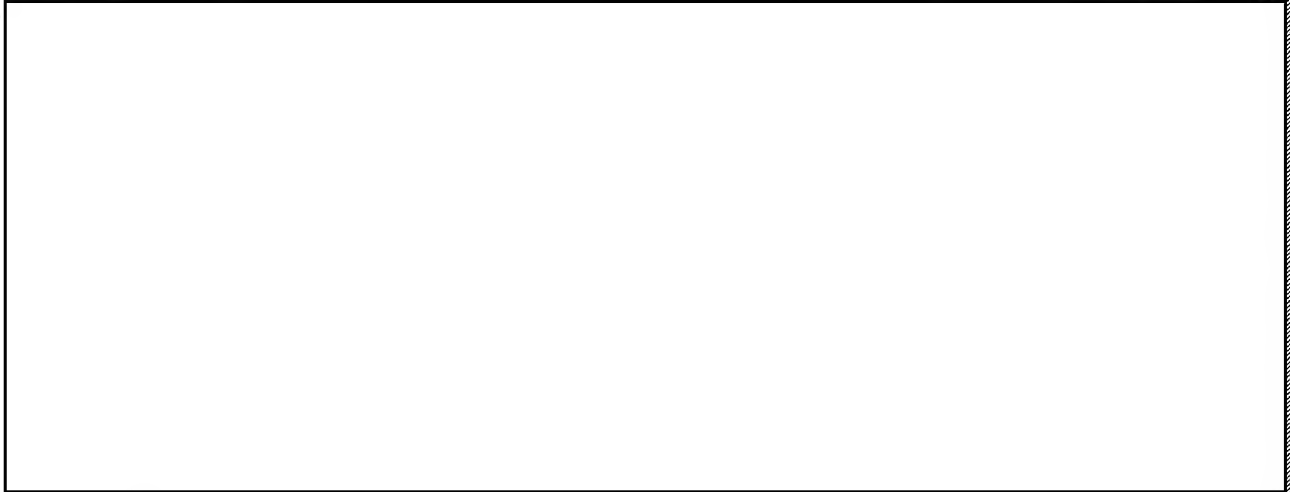
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Cyprus:

[redacted] top Greek officials have told the Cypriot foreign minister that Greek armed forces would be committed quickly against any Turkish military intervention arising out of the constitutional crisis in Cyprus. Such an assurance could further embolden Cyprus' President Makarios and undercut current British efforts to foster negotiations. A Turkish Foreign Ministry official has told the US Embassy that, although Ankara recognizes Makarios is heavily committed to constitutional revision, Turkey, too, is deeply committed and prepared to "go the limit" in support of the Turkish Cypriot community.

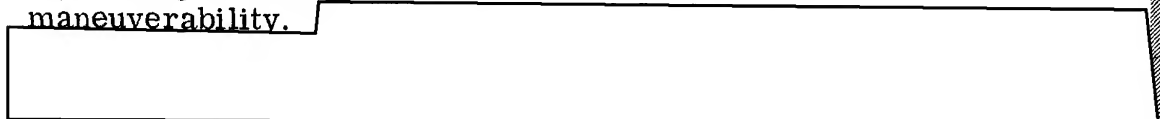
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Italy: Threatened defections from the Socialist (PSI) and Christian Democratic parties are unlikely to defeat Premier Moro in the parliamentary vote of confidence next week, but they may raise serious doubts about the viability of the coalition. Recent left-wing Socialist agitation for more influential posts within the party's hierarchy was apparently unsuccessful and some PSI die-hards may risk expulsion by voting against the government. Over the long run, the key factor may be the attitude of Christian Democratic right-wingers whose defection would lessen Moro's maneuverability.

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